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Michaelson Nominated From Norton for Rockefeller Award

The name of Norton Air Force Base executive James P. Michaelson was submitted to higher headquarters San Bernardino Air Materiel Command's candidate for the coveted annual Rockefeller Public Service Awards.

Michaelson is chief of the engineering division in Maintenance Engineering, Norton's vast 5,000-man depot overhaul activity.

The Rockefeller Awards are designed to give recognition for outstanding public service by civilian employees of the federal government. Selected from key personnel throughout the Air Force commands, the ultimate Air Force nominee will compete with all federal agencies for the small number of final awards.

REQUIREMENTS STRICT

In order to receive the nomination, believed to be the first ever from SBAMA, Michaelson had to meet stringent criteria.

These were specific accomplishments during his civil service career that demonstrated intellectual maturity, leadership, character, competence and evidence of a sincere interest in public service as a career.

The scope and effect of these accomplishments within the federal service were also factors.

The Rockefeller Award enables the recipient to spend six to nine months at an educational institution of his choice at no financial sacrifice.

INESTIMABLE WORTH

The nomination letter for Michaelson, signed by SBAMA commander, Gen. John S. Mills, stated in part that Michaelson's "worth to the Air Force is inestimable."

"Combining dynamism and aggressiveness with a calm and even demeanor, he is a source of constant inspiration. A man of his quality greatly enhances the successful accomplishment of the Air Force mission as well as the prestige of the federal government working force."

The 46-year-old Michaelson has been with Norton's Maintenance Engineering since December 1952. As chief of the Engineering



JAMES P. MICHAELSON
... Norton's candidate

Division, he directs and insures the accomplishment of the industrial and plant engineering, plant services, and depot liaison engineering as required to support the mammoth depot maintenance program.

CAREER OUTLINED

A native of Arizona, Michaelson graduated from the University of Arizona in 1936 with a degree in mining engineering. A year later he received a master's degree in metallurgy. He has also been a fellowship student for the United States Bureau of Mines and the recipient of an honorary professional degree as metallurgical engineer.

Michaelson's entire public career has been marked by continual progression to positions of increasing importance and responsibility.

After holding important supervisory positions with private firms, Michaelson entered the federal service in 1942 as a metallurgical and procurement inspector.

He came to Norton after five years in Washington, D. C., where one of his assignments was with the Central Intelligence Agency

on a special, highly secret project.

MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Michaelson's accomplishments at Norton have been many. For example, he raised the standards of competence for his engineers, he directed a unique and comprehensive work measurement study, and he spearheaded and conducted the assumption by SBAMA of in-service engineering functions.

In addition, under his leadership there have been continual improvement and refinement in the area of quality control.

Michaelson reports to Col. Bruno Feiling, director of Maintenance Engineering, and Mr. James R. Healy, deputy director.

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